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ARTICLE IN "SYDNEY MORNING HERALD" ON NECESSITY OF
UNIFIED PLAN FOR SECRET SERVICE, FOLLOWING ARRIVAL
OF BRITISH ROCKET BOMB EXPERIMENTAL MISSION
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From: CANBERRA

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To VIKTOR[i]. To the 9th Department.

In connection with the arrival in AUSTRALIA of a British military mission consisting of six men (it is headed by Major General J. EVETTS) which intends to establish in central AUSTRALIA a rocket experimental station for testing rocket bombs, the newspaper "SYDNEY MORNING HERALD" on 11th April carried an article under the headline "Unified Plan Needed for Secret Service

[8 groups unrecoverable]

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AUSTRALIA may become a centre for large scale British rocket research [4 groups unrecovered] attention on the intelligence and counter-espionage services. [C% Since] the time when this announcement was published a report has come from CANBERRA that a new Security Section is at present being formed within the Commonwealth Investigation Branch. Authorities who are responsible for maintaining security and for [D% the state] of intelligence are concerned about the urgent need for effective collaboration. Experience of the last war showed the vital need for such planning to begin in peace time, but there has been no Government statement which would indicate that the formation of the new section is part of any coordinated intelligence and security plan. The new section is to be formed under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel JACKSON, [1 group unrecovered] Deputy Director of Security Service in SYDNEY. It is planned to appoint two Deputy Directors of the Investigation Branch, one for administrative matters and [one] [a] for security. Lieutenant Colonel JACKSON will be appointed Deputy Director for security matters. Intelligence experts in MELBOURNE and SYDNEY consider that before creating any new authority the Government should examine the whole position in relation to the planning of service intelligence activities in peace time. In spite of all the chopping and changing that went on during the war, sufficient [b] liaison and collaboration between the various intelligence organisations was never achieved. The Armed Services [c] are determined that their intelligence will never again find itself in a state of neglect in this area as happened before the war. Therefore they intend to give the greatest attention to the development of three branches: intelligence, research and planning. It is understood that all three of these branches will operate in close collaboration with British interests. But collaboration between army intelligence [d] is not enough: it must extend [C% beyond, to all] civilian authorities which are occupied with intelligence or the maintenance of security.

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EFIM [ii]

Notes: [a] Inserted by the translator.
[b] Mistranslation of "efficient".
[c] Mistranslation of "the Services"; literally "the services of the Armed Forces".
[d] Mistranslation of "between the Services".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.
/ [ii] EFIM: Semen Ivanovich MAKAROV, who was at the Soviet Legation/ Embassy in CANBERRA from April 1943 to June 1949.

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